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1. ARAMCO'S RECENTLY RELEASED 1977 ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS COMPANY  
PRODUCED RECORD 3.29 BILLION BARRELS OF OIL IN 1977 AND 78.9  
MILLION BARRELS OF NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS. DURING YEAR ARAMCO PRODUCED  
AVERAGE OF 9,016,952 BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL PERDAY.

2. IN SPITE OF RECORD PRODUCTION ARAMCO REPORT CLAIMS OIL RESERVES,  
BOTH PROVED AND PROBABLE, INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO 110.4 BILLION BARRELS  
AND 177.6 BILLION BAREELS RESPECTIVELY. EXPLORA RY DRILLING  
DISCOVERED ON GAS FIELD ON SHORE (SUHUL IN EASTERN RUB AL-KHALI)  
AND ONE DEEPER-POOL GAS RESERVOIR OFFSHORE (BERID). NEW DRILLING  
CONFIRMED TWO PREVIOUS DISCOERIES: SHARAR OIL FILED AND  
NORTH KIDAN GAS FIELD.

3. DURING 1977, 3,787 SHIPS CALLED AT ARAMCO'S MARINE  
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TERMINAL AT RAS TANURA AND JU'AYMAH WHERE TOTAL OF  
3,223,114,556 BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS WERE  
LOADED.

4. CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSED AT MANY SITES, INCLUDING  
NGL TERMINAL AT JU'AYMAH, NGL CENTERS AT SHEDGUM AND  
UTHMANIYAH, 124-MILE NGL PIPELINE FROM UTHMANIYAH TO JU'AYMAH,

SEAWATER INTAKE AND TREATMENT PLANT AT QURAZYAH, AND SEVERAL OTHER PLACES.

5. DRILLING ACTIVITY INCREASED IN 1977 WITH TOTAL OF 263 WELLS DRILLED OF WHICH 114 OIL PRODUCTION WELLS, 53 FOR WATER INJECTION, 5 FOR OBSERVATION, 8 FOR EXPLORATORY PURPOSES AND 83 FOR UTILITY PURPOSES.

6. ARAMCO TOOK OVER MANAGEMENT OF SAUDI CONSOLIDATED ELECTRIC CO. (SCECO), A MERGER OF 26 PRIVATELY OWNED POWER COMPANIES. NEW SYSTEM, WHICH SAG HAS DESIGNATED ARAMCO TO MANAGE DURING ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS, IS PLANNED TO HAVE GENERATING CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 5,000 MEGAWATTS BY 1982.

7. ARAMCO EMPLOYMENT JUMPED 27 PERCENT IN 1977 TO ABOUT 25,500 PERSONS OF WHICH 16,740 WERE SAUDIS. EVEN WITH GREATLY EXPANDED WORK FORCE AND INCREASED PACE OF ACTIVITY, ARAMCO CLAIMED THAT IT WAS ABLE TO HOLD ITS RATE OF DISABLING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS TO 3.0 PER MILLION MAN-HOURS OR LESS THAN HALF THE RATE FOR U.S. PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

8. REFERRING TO FIRE AT ABQAIQ IN MAY 1977, ARAMCO REPORT STATES THAT "FAILURE OF AN UNDERGROUND PIPELINE IN ABQAIQ CUT THE FLOW OF OIL FROM ARAMCO'S SOUTHERN FIELDS." PRODUCTION PARTLY RESTORED AFTER FOUR DAYS AND RESTORED COMPLETELY WITHIN 35. "TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF SIMILAR UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE, SPECIAL ANALYSIS TEAMS UNDERTOOK A COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL OPERATING AREAS AND BY-YEAR-END RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THESE TEAMS OF EXPERTS WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED."

9. AIRGRAM AND COPIES OF REPORT FOLLOW.  
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